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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY
SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR
THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR
PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID
SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed August 16, 2001. The subject Notice set a shortened, 2-month period for response to expire October 16, 2001. A Petition for an Extension of Time for 4 months is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the response due date to February 19, 2002 (February 16, 2002 being a Saturday and February 18, 2002 being a holiday). Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed by February 19, 2002. However, if any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please AMEND the drawings in accordance with the Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Changes to the Drawings filed concurrently herewith.

Please enter the formal drawings included in the Letter Submitting Drawings filed concurrently herewith, corresponding to the changes requested in the Letter to the Examiner